

SECTION: CERTIFICATION

SUBJECT: Certification Requirements: Services/Information
Provided by the Local Agency at Time of Certification

ITEM: *Coordination with Health Care and Other Clinic Services*



Policy To enhance administrative efficiency, provide coordinated services, and allow for maximum participant convenience, whenever possible, WIC certification procedures shall be combined with intake procedures for other health programs or services administered by the State and local agencies, e.g., well-baby clinics, Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program clinics, prenatal clinics, prenatal programs, hospitals, etc.

Coordination with clinic services Local agencies are encouraged to coordinate their voucher distribution schedule with other related clinic services, e.g., well-baby clinics, CHDP clinics, prenatal clinics, etc., in order to minimize travel requirements for participants and to coordinate with ongoing health care services.

Coordination with health care providers Participants shall be encouraged to enroll in ongoing health care services. Local agencies are encouraged to follow up on the participant's indicators of nutritional need with the participant's health care provider. Refer to WIC 120-60 for information regarding the requirement for provider agreements for those agencies which do not provide ongoing health services to all categories of participants.

Coordination with hospitals Each local agency operating the program within a hospital or in conjunction with a hospital, i.e., a hospital acting as an umbrella for a local agency, and each local agency operating the program that has a cooperative agreement, whether verbal or written, with a hospital shall:

1. Advise potentially eligible individuals that receive inpatient or outpatient prenatal, or postpartum services, or accompany a child under the age of five who receives well-child services, of availability of WIC program benefits.
2. To the extent feasible, provide an opportunity for individuals who may be eligible to be certified within the hospital for participation in the WIC program.

3. Be required to enter into a cooperative agreement, verbal or written, with the hospital incorporating the provisions of the requirements stated in #1 and #2 above. A copy of the agreement shall be forwarded to the WIC Branch.
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**Coordina-
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Local agencies may coordinate assessment and education services between the WIC program and other programs/agencies. Data from a nutrition assessment conducted by or under the direction of a nutritionist/registered dietitian employed by another program/agency may be utilized by the WIC program for the purpose of determining eligibility. Local agencies may also share the results of a nutrition assessment conducted by the WIC program with another program/agency.

If the participant receives nutrition education through another program, e.g., Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), such education may be used to satisfy certain nutrition education requirements of the WIC program. Education provided in this manner must be documented.

**Memoran-
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The State Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Community-Based Perinatal Services Program and the WIC Supplemental Food Program have developed a memorandum of understanding, a copy of which is located in Appendix 990-20. Local agencies are encouraged to develop similar memorandums/agreements which are specific to the local situation in order to facilitate cooperation and coordination in the provision of services. Refer to Appendix 930-40 for a list of local MCH Community-Based Perinatal Services Programs.
